

This proposal balances the desires of amateurs who want to eliminate the requirement for morse code proficiency to gain access to the hf bands with those of amateurs who want to retain it. It also solves a problem with the Technician license, which effectively restricts new licensees to VHF/UHF repeater operation -- allowing worldwide radio communication in a variety of modes and under a range of conditions. Further, it streamlines the licensing structure and provides a better incentive for potential licensees to enter the hobby.